

ibuprofen medicament present to an extent of 35% or more by weight of the dosage form and a carrier material comprising

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i) a compressible filler component combined with a disintegrating component,
ii) 3-20% solid alkali metal carbonate or bicarbonate by weight of the dosage form;

wherein the dosage form has a crushing strength in the range 6.5-15Kp and a disintegration time of less than 10 minutes,

provided that the ibuprofen medicament does not contain a calcium salt of ibuprofen in combination with an alkali metal salt of ibuprofen.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 12, 2002 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

35 USC 112

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10, 16-19, 26-31 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for containing asserted informalities. Regarding the term "dosage form," as those of skill in the art would readily understand, the term relates to the end product, eg. a tablet. The tablet or other dosage form is formed from a homogeneous admixture of the ibuprofen and the carrier. Thus, Applicants have amended claim 1 as